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**EPA Continues Sampling of Residential Yards and Will Conduct an Open House on June 14<sup>th</sup>, for the SH Bell Site, Chicago, Illinois**

Press Interest/Coverage: Local Press/TV media coverage.

EPA has completed sampling at 14 residential yards as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, and currently has 25 signed access agreements. The CIC's canvassed the neighborhood on May 31<sup>st</sup> speaking with residents and passing out Fact Sheet and access agreement forms to assist with sign-ups for sampling. An additional round of sampling is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>. An Open House for residents to come speak with Agency and City Officials, and sign up for sampling will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

SH Bell is one of five bulk handling facilities that store and handle manganese on the southeast side. Air monitors in the area noted elevated levels of manganese which were associated with SH Bell. In December 2016, EPA's Air program required SH Bell to install new air pollution control equipment, implement enhanced fugitive dust plan and install air and filter-based metals monitors. Current monitoring does not show manganese dust exceeding federal limits. Soil sampling conducted by CDPH found elevated levels of manganese in the right-of-way in the residential neighborhood adjacent to the SH Bell facility. On April 16, 2018 CDPH requested EPA to conduct a removal assessment in the residential neighborhood adjacent to SH Bell.

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